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AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.312

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Examiner's Amendment, dated November 2, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.